



## **Start of Kurt Gelles Collection**

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Kurt Gelles Collection, 1912-1998

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Kurt Gielles



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Schrucker M.

KIR. UDY FENTHEPEST

POZSONY.

SPANYOL ÉS BELGA KIR. UDV.  
FÉNYKÉPÉSZ

POZSONY  
Kossuth Lajos lér 25 sz.

1896 IKI ORSZÁG  
EZREDÉVES KIÁLLITÁSNÁL  
KIÁLLITÁSI EREMEVEL ÉS A  
ZÁGRÁBI KIÁLLITÁS NAL  
DISZOKLEVÉLÜK KITÜNTETVE.

A lemezek ulánrendelésre meglártatnak



Erich Gelles



ATELIER  
— FÜR —  
KÜNSTLERISCHE  
FOTOGRAFIE  
UND  
MALEREI

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HANS SAITZ

WIEN.

IX WÄHRINGERSTRASSE 26.  
IM GARTEN.











B 6421



Somewhere in France  
Sept. 1944

Jed



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1940.

ERIC IN CANNES,

AS ENGINEER  
ON BORD A BRITISH  
YACHT.







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21. 11. 1927

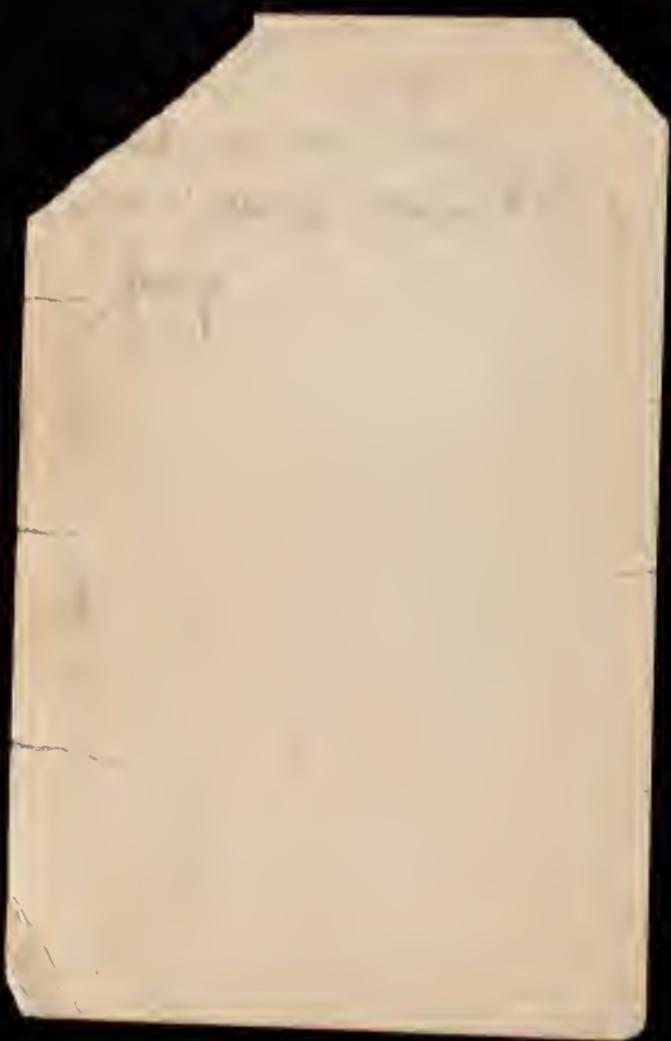
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AUFRÉCHTEN

Heinrich Niedermann  
Bachlauf (Staigerloch) -  
Kubbeleiter









Osterrisch - Kupfer 7:1

Budapest, 30. April 1933







Heinkel 177 ab  
Giebelstadt

938

100201



To Eric from his  
old friend and  
fellow "D"  
Freddy



1015

Camp Coowee, Mo.  
August 1943

J. W. H.



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Duty Roster for Monday.

Banacks brooklyn:

Federer Klemmer

Camp Coowader, Aug. 19 43





Leopold Gelles





II 1789

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Fr. Dr. H. J. ...

Citronen

Haus, 1000 m. u. 1000 m. n. m.

Früheste Sonnenuntergang 8.30 Uhr  
Früheste Sonnenaufgang 5.30 Uhr

Früheste Sonnenaufgang

Früheste Sonnenaufgang 5.30 Uhr

Niedrigste

Temperatur

Ethel Gelle.



KAPITIVA  
SÍ

MATH J.

FÉNYKÜD. FÉNYKEPESEL  
ÚTODA

# MINTSZÉNY B.

FÉNYKEPESZET. FESTMÉZET  
MUTRYPE

POZSONY

ROZSA UTCÁZSZ  
A SZINHAZA LÉHEZEN

KULONLEGESSEGÉK  
PILLANAT GYERMEK  
FELVÉTEL K

AN

EKK

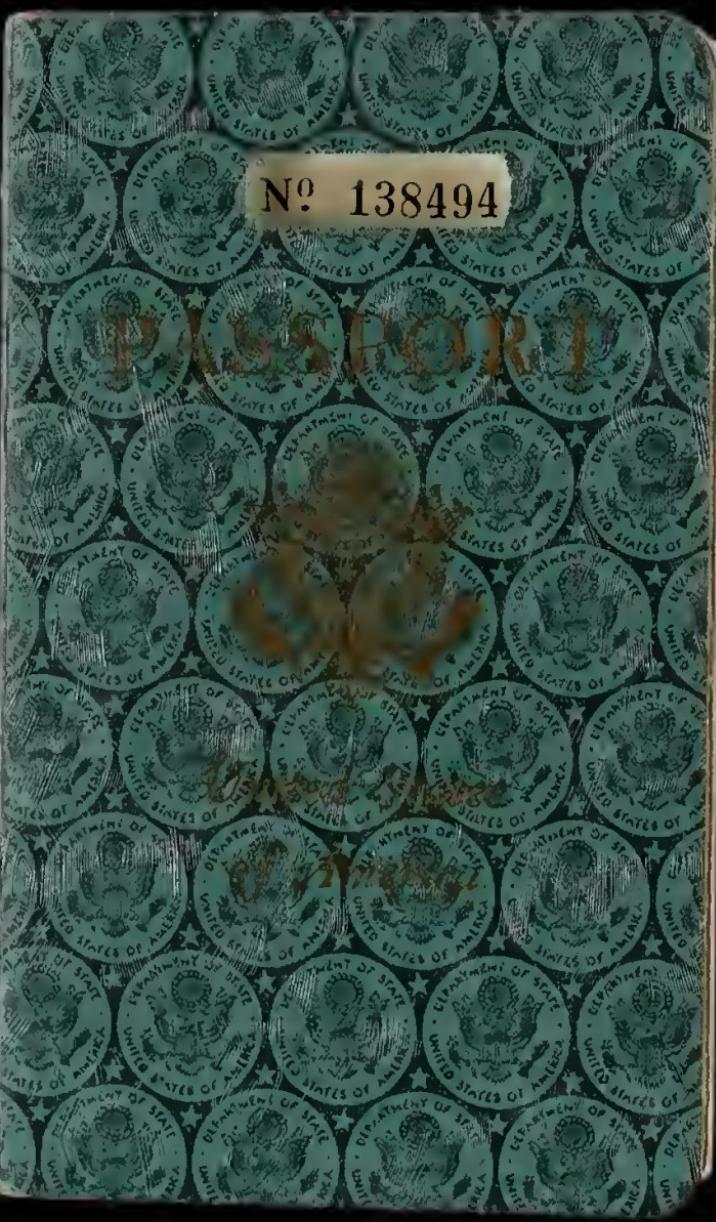
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VA.

ARANY ÉLŐSTLRMENKEI  
KITÜNTETVE



Nº 138494



Nº 138494

**IMPORTANT**

The person to whom this passport is issued must sign his name on page three immediately on its receipt. The passport is NOT VALID unless it has been signed.

The bearer should also fill in blanks below as indicated.

KURT GELLES

Bearer's address in the United States

101 West 83d St.

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Bearer's foreign address

**IN CASE OF DEATH OR ACCIDENT NOTIFY**

Mrs. ETHEL GELLES

Name of person to be notified

as above

Exact address

Should you desire to obtain a new passport after this passport shall have definitely expired, this passport should be presented with your application for a new passport.

*Passport*



*United States of America*

*Department of State*

I, the undersigned, Secretary of State of the United States of America, hereby request all whom it may concern to permit safely and freely to pass, and in case of need to give all lawful aid and protection to

KURT GELLES

a citizen of the United States.

The bearer is accompanied by his Wife,

Minor children,

Given under my hand and the seal of the Department of State at Washington,

DEC. 30TH  
1917

  
M. Tamm, Secy.

Description of bearer

Height 5 feet 9 inches.

Hair BROWN

Eyes HAZEL

Distinguishing marks or features:

Place of birth AUSTRIA

Date of birth JULY 24, 1907

Occupation MERCHANT

Kurt Gelles

Signature of bearer.

This passport is not valid unless signed by the person to whom it has been issued.

Photograph of bearer

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AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC  
MISSIONS

This passport, properly visaed, is valid for travel in all countries unless otherwise restricted.

This passport, unless limited to a shorter period, is valid for two years from its date of issue and may be renewed upon payment of a fee of \$5 but the final date of expiration shall not be more than four years from the original date of issue.

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American citizens traveling in disturbed areas of the world are requested to keep in touch with the nearest American diplomatic or consular officers.

American citizens making their homes or residing for a prolonged period abroad should register at the nearest American consulate.

SEE PAGES 6, 7, AND 8 FOR RENEWAL,  
EXTENSIONS, AMENDMENTS, LIMITATIONS,  
AND RESTRICTIONS.

*Renewal, extensions, amendments,  
limitations, and restrictions*

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This passport is not valid for travel to or in any foreign state for the purpose of entering or serving in the armed forces of such a state.

**RESTRICTION**

THIS PASSPORT, IF PROPERLY VI-SAED, IS VALID FOR TRAVEL IN ANY COUNTRY EXCEPT GERMANY, AUSTRIA, THE MAIN ISLANDS OF JAPAN, NANSE-SHOTO, NANPO SHOTO OR KOREA.

BEFORE TRAVEL IN ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED PLACES MAY BE UNDER-TAKEN, AN APPROPRIATE MILITARY PERMIT MUST BE AFFIXED TO THIS PASSPORT. IN THE UNITED STATES APPLICATION FOR SUCH A PERMIT MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ABROAD, THE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE THROUGH AN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC OR CON-SULAR ESTABLISHMENT.

THE PASSPORT IS NOT  
VALID FOR TRAVEL TO  
THE SOVIET UNION

*Renewal, extensions, amendments,  
limitations, and restrictions*

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limitations, and restrictions*

*Visas*

CONSULADO GENERAL DE EL SALVADOR  
NEW YORK, ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA

VISA NO. 16

BUENO PARA DIRIGIRSE A El Salvador

como Tranvía

VIA Aerea

DERECHOS 100 IMP. TURISMOS 100

NEW YORK,

9 de Enero 1948

~~CONSELJO CONSULAR DE NEW YORK~~  
~~CONSELJO CONSULAR DE NEW YORK~~

*Bueno para permanencia  
8 (Ocho) días en el país*



Timbre - Taxe \$0.50

Visas

affirme  
30 jours

Vu et enregistré au  
CONSULAT GENERAL D'HAITI  
Sous No. 4033.....  
New York le 13 Janv. 1948

Ramille

Se Se Vice Consul



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VISA VÁLIDA POR UN AÑO.



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Consulado General de los Estados Unidos de Venezuela  
en NUEVA YORK

VISTO BÚLGAR TRAVELER

Para que el señor  
Kurt Gelles

entre a Venezuela en calidad de TRANSIBUNTE

por dos semanas

Nueva York, 9 - ENE 1948 de 1948

El Vice Consul El Consul Adjunto El Consul General

*Montravate*

DICHOS PACADEROS EN VENEZUELA

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Visas

Consulado General de Honduras  
en Nueva York.

VICTO No. 399  
para el viaje a Honduras  
Fecha JAN 12 1948

*S. García e*  
Consul General

Derechos \$ Gratis  
\$ Exento



AER. MEXICO INTERNA  
S. A. S.A.P.

26 FEB 1.  
San José, Costa Rica

VALIDO

NUEVA YORK - COSTA RICA

VISA DE COSTA RICA

- Negocios -  
No. 10 Valido por treinta (30) días

Este visto es válido para el viaje  
y cumplir con las leyes de  
Costa Rica. Se permite permanecer en  
el país que de acuerdo a la legislación  
de Costa Rica no excede de un mes  
y no más de 30 días.

Nueva York 14 de enero de 1948

Derechos

\$ 4.00



Consul General

Visas

# NEGOCIOS

CONSULADO GENERAL DE GUATEMALA  
EN NUEVA YORK

Visa No. 53 Válida para un viaje de ida a  
Guatemala por vía AEREA.  
Debés estar dentro de 30 días de la fecha.  
La visa calca a los 30 días de la fecha.  
Permitida en la capital 15 días.  
Permitido de 22 a 25 en 2 días. 23, 1948  
Hoja colgada el 17 del 23 de 1948.

NUEVA YORK, N. Y. JAN 23 1948



Rafael Medina  
Consul General  
Código 163718

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Visas

VISA DE Tránsito No. 23287

VISTO EN ESTE CONSULADO GENERAL DE PANAMA  
EN NUEVA YORK, HOY JAN 23 1948

S. Gallo J. D. S.  
Consul General

Dirección: IV Gatica



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CONSULADO GENERAL DE LA  
REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA  
NUEVA YORK

Visado y revalidado en este Consulado General  
bajo el No. 91 para dirigirse a la  
*[Signature]*

Nueva York

de febrero de 1948

Consul General

Cable Estado #3440  
3 Feb. 1948

Vacunado  
5/2/48

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CONSULADO GENERAL DE NICARAGÚA

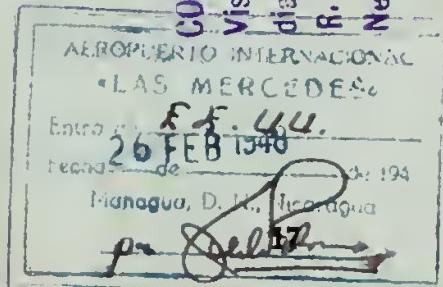


Visa No.: — 64 — Valida por 30  
días y para permanecer 30 días en la

R. Pública de Nicaragua.

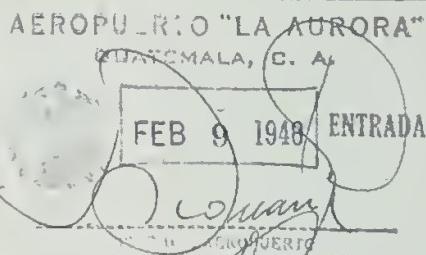
New York City — 5 FEB 1948

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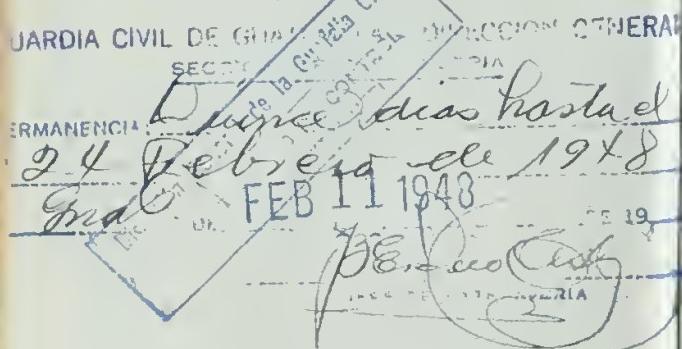


JUAN JOSE MARTINEZ-LACAYO

Visas



BEARER MUST PRESENT THIS PASSPORT TO THE GUARDIA CIVIL, WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN THE COUNTRY.



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Visas

MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES  
GUATEMALA

Nº 02223

VISA PARA SALIR DEL PAIS

Via AEREA

Destino

El Salvador  
Esta Visa caduca a los 15 DIAS de la fecha.  
Guatemala, 13 FEB 1948

MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES  
DEPTO DE MIGRACION Y AUTENTICAS  
REP. DE GUATEMALA, C. A.



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Visas

Dole.	Santos Minas
ENTD. DE	
FECHA	14 FEB 1948

Aleotti

Delegación de Migración Ilopango	
SALIO PARA	Honduras
FECHA	23 FEB 1948

Aleotti

Visas

MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES  
EL SALVADOR, C.A.

VISA PARA SALIR DEL PAÍS

No. 853

Via Cuatamira

Destino Honduras

Esta visa caduca a los 30 días de la fecha  
San Salvador, 20 de Febrero de 1948

VISTA LA TARJETA DE IDENTIDAD No. 1124

EXPEDIDA POR LA OFICINA CENTRAL DE MIGRACIÓN  
EL 16 DE Febrero DE 1948

CON A O  
SANTOS MINAS  
DIA 20 LA OFICINA CENTRAL



Visas

ESTADO DE HONDURAS

D.F.C. 1948

23 - Febrero - 1948

26 - Febrero - 1948

fecha de Salida

por un día o más a su gusto

SECCION DE PASAPORTES

Departamento de Investigaciones

POLICIA NACIONAL

aviso para dirigirse a

Nicaragua

Por la vía Canámerica

Objeto del viaje Negocios

Fechas de salida Febrero 23 de 1948

Regalo Dimí C,



Visas

ESTADO DE HONDURAS EXTERIORES

REPÚBLICA DE HONDURAS

979

válido por quince días

para dirigirse a Nicaragua

Tegucigalpa, D.C.

23 de Febrero de 1948

Miguel Dimí

SECRETARIA DE ESTADO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES

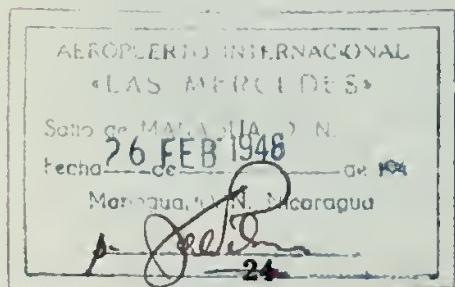
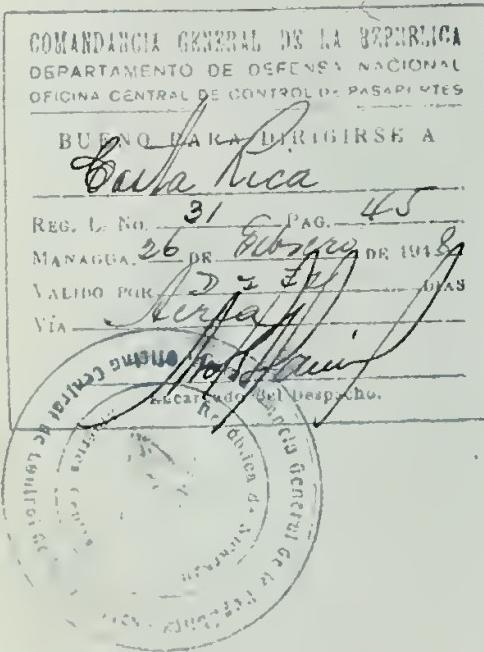
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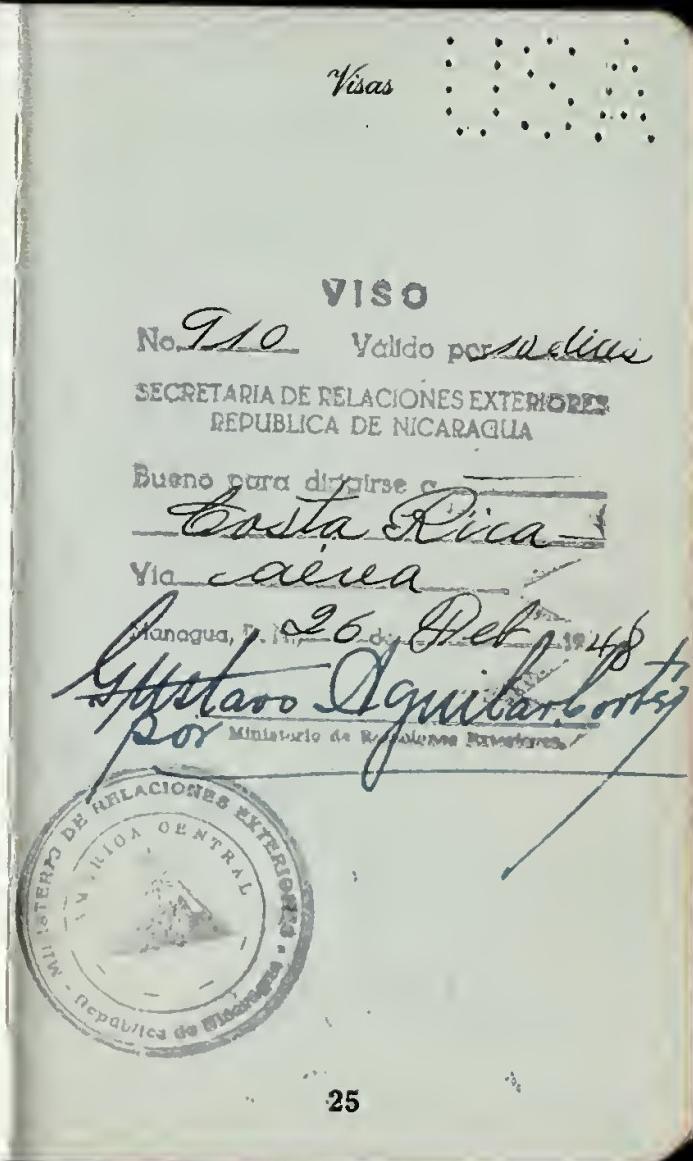
Gracias a dios  
Nicaragua

23 Feb 8  
Miguel de Oteya

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SERVICIO NACIONAL DE IDENTIFICACION  
VISTO BIEN DE ENTRADA  
TRANSEUNTE

Maracuibo 2 - MAR 1948

El Jefe de Sección



Por 15 días  
E.E. U.U. DE VENEZUELA  
MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES INTERIORES

JEFATURA DE SEGURIDAD NACIONAL  
DEPARTAMENTO DE EXTRANJERIA

REGISTRADO EN TRANSEUNTE

Fecha: 9 MAR 1948

Vence el 17-3-48.

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SERVICIO NACIONAL DE IDENTIFICACION  
VISTO BUENO DE SALIDA

VALIDO POR MAR 14 1948

Maiquetia MAR 14 1948

EL DIFERIDO OFICINA



IMMIGRATIE	CURACAO.
14-3-1948	E. G. Henkens
14-3-1948	

*Visas*

Vreemdelingendienst Paramaribo:

TOEGELATEN TOT

Paramaribo 17 Mar 1948

De Districts-Commissaris

P. den Hove

Vreemdelingendienst Paramaribo.

GEZIEN VOOR VERTREK

Paramaribo 22 Mar 1948

De Districts-Commissaris

P. den Hove

Cludad Trujillo, República Dominicana



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6. 7. 8. 9. 10.  
11. 12. 13. 14. 15.

Visas

Ciudad Trujillo, República Dominicana

SALIDA

FECHA 1 ABR 1948

POR P. J. A. A.

INPECTOR DE MIGRACION



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BUREAUX D'ETAT  
DE L'INTERIEUR

trois  
Avril 1948

Enreg. no. 10.174  
Havana,  
Cuba



Visas

Consulado General de Honduras  
en Nueva York.

VISTO. No. 162  
para dirigirme a Tegucigalpa  
Fecha SFP 17.948

Dr. Coss	General
De: nos	\$ Gratis
Head Tex	\$ Evento

EN NEGOCIOS permanecerá en el país  
dos semanas. —



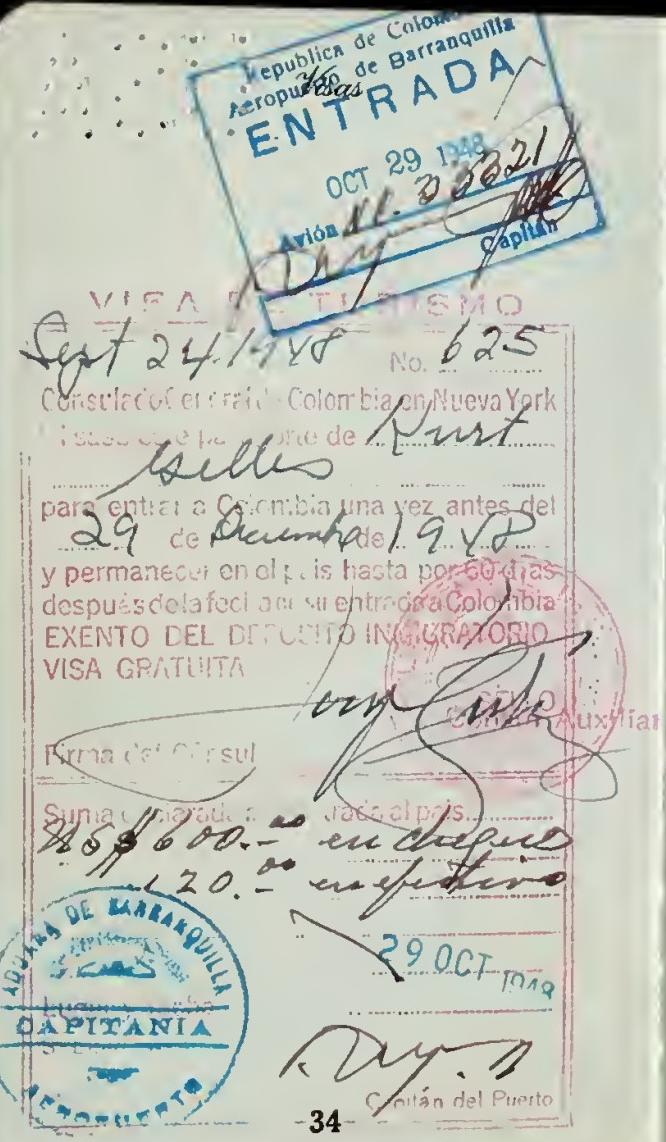
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1952

Kurt Gelles  
por dos semanas

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*Visas*

CONSULADO GENERAL DE EL SALVADOR  
EN NUEVA YORK, EE. UU. de A.

Visa No. 376

Bueno para dirigirse a El Salvador  
en viaje de Transcont.

Esta visa caduca a los 30 días de la fecha.

Aut. de RR. E.E. del — de — de —

Debitos US\$ 5.00

Impuesto del Turismo US\$ 1.00

EL INTERESADO QUEDA ADVERTIDO QUE POR NINGUN MOTIVO LE SERA PERMITIDO CAMBIAR SU CALIDAD MIGRATORIA AUTORIZADA POR ESTA VISA.

Nueva York 17 de Sept. de 1948

*[Signature]*

J. RICARDO SALAVEPRIA  
VICE CONSUL DE EL SALVADOR



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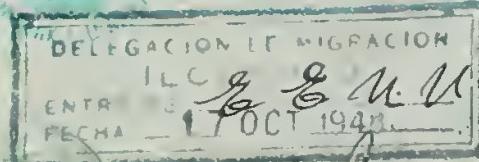
# NEGOCIOS

CONSULADO GENERAL DE GUATEMALA  
EN NEW YORK

Visa No. 652 para su viaje de ida a  
Guatemala  
La visa se da a 30 dias de la expedicion  
y cumple en la Republica 15 dias  
Hasta el 17 de Mayo año 1948.

NEW YORK NY 22-10-48

OMA DONIARÍ



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*Garcia*

Visas

CONSULADO GENERAL DE LA  
REPUBLICA DOMINICANA  
GENEVA Y HK

Visado y registrado en este Consulado  
hasta el No. 655 para su viaje

Republica Dominicana  
4 Oct 1948

Caribe Estadio #29017  
del 28 de Sep. 1948

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S. V. O. G.

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CONSULADO GENERAL DE COSTA RIC  
NULVA YORK, E. U. A.

VISA DE TURISTA

-Negocios-

No. 304 Válida por treinta (30) días

La validez de este pasaporte no implica permiso de inmigración para ingresar a Costa Rica. El portador a su llegada al país queda sujeto a lo que dispongan las autoridades de inmigración, sin lugar a reclamo alguno.

Nueva York, 6 octubre 1948

Derechos: \$4.00  
*Max Roter*  
Consul General



Visas

Transiente 24062

J. P. Domínguez  
Gatís





Visas

AEROPUERTO INTERNACIONAL  
"LA SABANA"

Visa No.: 348 Válida por 30 días y para permanecer 30 días en la República de Nicaragua.

New York City OCT 7 1948

EL CONSUL GENERAL DE NICARAGUA:  
JUAN JOSE MORALES

CONSUL GENERAL DE NICARAGUA

*recorrido*

26 OCT 1948  
San José Costa Rica  
ADMITTED

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BEARER MUST PRESENT THIS PASSPORT TO THE GUARDIA CIVIL, WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN THE COUNTRY.



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MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES  
GUATEMALA

No. 17646

VISA PARA SALIR DEL PAIS  
Via. AEREA  
Destino El Salvador  
Esta Visa caduca a los 15 DIAS de la fecha,  
Guatemala, 13 OCT 1948

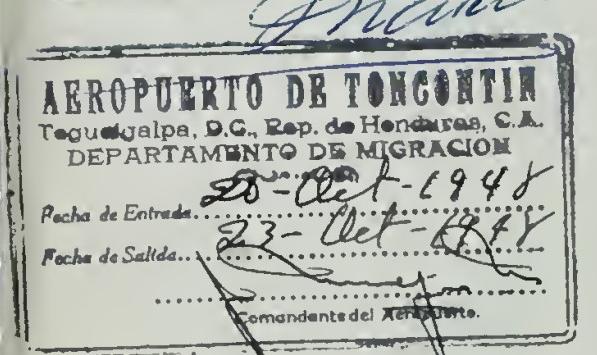
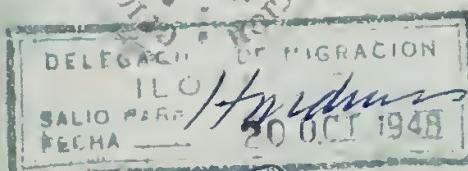
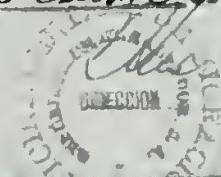


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EN TRANSITO  
VALIDO PARA 7 DIAS

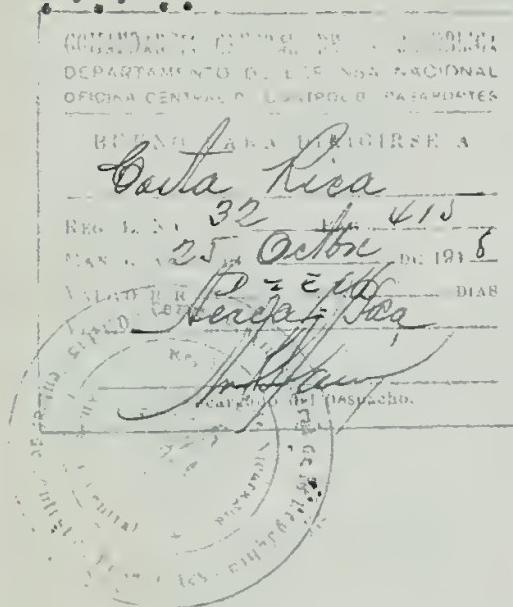
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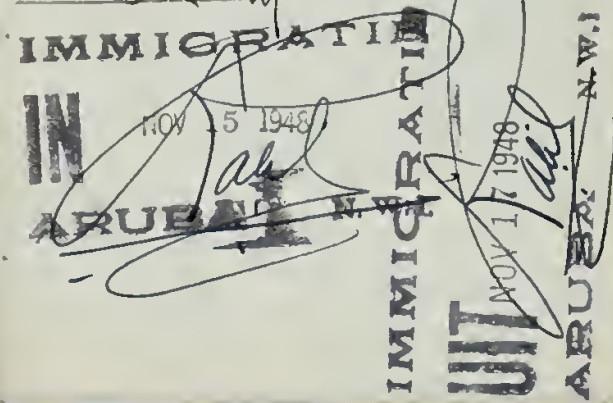
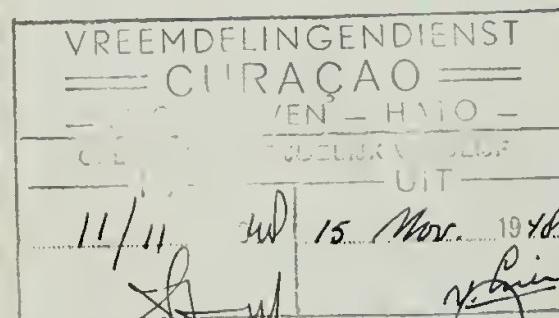
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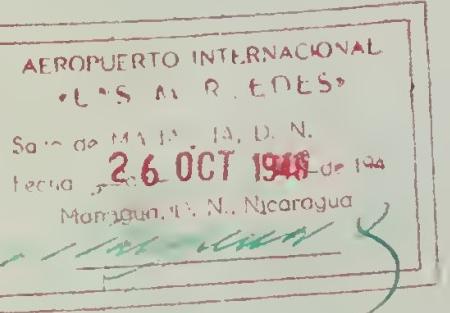
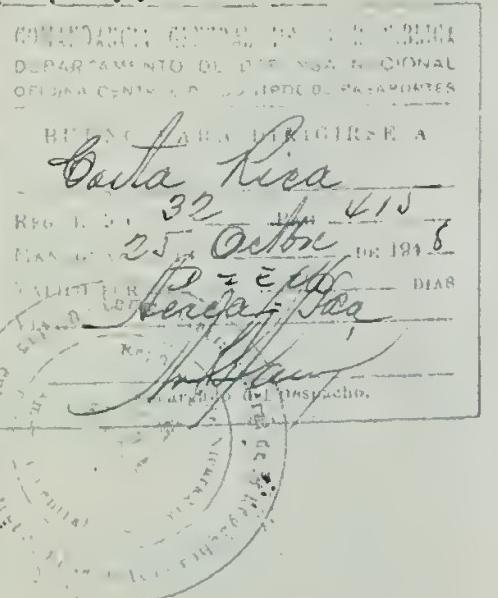
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VISO

No. 5759 Válido por 10 días

SECRETARIA DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES  
REPUBLICA DE NICARAGUA

Bueno para dirigirse a  
**Costa Rica**  
REF. 1.0.32 415  
25 Octubre 1948  
DIAZ, M. N. 1948  
Bueno para dirigirse a  
**Costa Rica**  
REF. 1.0.32 415  
25 Octubre 1948  
DIAZ, M. N. 1948



REPUBLICA DE PANAMA  
MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES  
DEPARTAMENTO DE EXTRANJERIA  
AEROPUERTO DE ALLENDE FIELD

Pechada por  
James L. Hughes  
AEROPUERTO DE ALLENDE FIELD  
Managua, D. N., Nicaragua

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Issued Dec. 30, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
PASSPORT AGENCY  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

OCT 6 - 1948

(Date)

An additional sheet containing 12 pages has been added to this passport.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

JAMES L. HUGHES  
PASSPORT AGENT

By James L. Hughes  
DIRECTOR DE INMIGRACION

REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA - POLICIA NACIONAL  
Sección de Seguridad, Identificación y Extranjería  
Barranquilla, Oct 25 1948

Registrado conforme al Art. 6º del Decreto

181 de 1942. Puede viajar por el territorio

nacional durante la validez de su visa

consular.

Misiones

REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA - POLICIA NACIONAL  
Sección de Seguridad, Identificación y Extranjería  
Barranquilla, Oct 25 1948

Registrado para salir del país al folio

No. 9784 del libro respectivo.

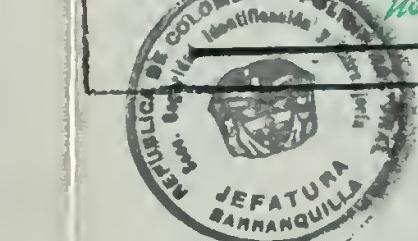
Misiones

Visas

REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA - POLICIA NACIONAL

Sección de Seguridad, Identificación y Extranjería  
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REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA - POLICIA NACIONAL

Sección de Seguridad, Identificación y Extranjería  
Barranquilla, Oct 25 1948

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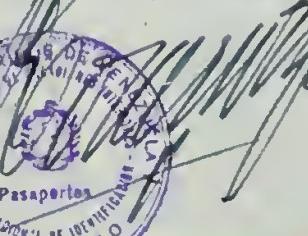
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Misiones

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SALIDA  
NUV 1948  
Avion No. 3466  
Capitán  
1 NOV 1948  
SERVICIO NACIONAL DE IDENTIFICACION  
VISTO BUENO DE ENTRADA  
TRANSEUNTA  
1 NOV 1948  
Maracaibo: El Jefe de



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Issued Dec. 30, 1947



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### IMPORTANT

Under the provisions of the Nationality Act of 1940, American nationality may be lost through being naturalized in, taking an oath or making a declaration of allegiance to, serving in military forces of, accepting employment under the government of, or by voting in the elections of a foreign state. Naturalized nationals may be expatriated by residing in the state from which they came for 2 years if through such residence the nationality of such foreign state is acquired, or by residing in such state for 3 years, or in any other foreign state for 5 years.

American nationals abroad may consult the nearest American diplomatic or consular officer for information as to specific provisions of the Nationality Act.

### CAUTION

A person to whom a passport has been issued, who uses or attempts to use it in violation of the conditions or restrictions contained therein, may have the protection of the United States withdrawn from him while he continues to reside abroad and may be liable for prosecution under the provisions of section 221 of title 22, United States Code.

This passport is a valuable document. If it is lost or destroyed, the fact and the circumstances of the loss should be immediately reported to the Passport Division, Department of State, or to the nearest American consulate, or, in an outlying possession of the United States, to the chief executive thereof, and to the local police authorities. New passports can be issued in such cases only after exhaustive investigation.

This passport must not be altered or mutilated in any manner. No stamps, statements, notations, or other additions should be placed or made in this passport other than by officials of the United States or of foreign countries in connection with official matters. The alteration of the passport may render it INVALID.

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# PASSPORT



*United States  
of America*

Baldwin

PASSPORT NUMBER

A 90 4668

PEN AND INK ENTRY OF THE PASS-  
PORT NUMBER BY THE BEARER

PLEASE FILL IN THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES BELOW.

BEARER'S ADDRESS IN THE UNITED STATES:

47-22 188 ST.

FLUSHING, N.Y.

BEARER'S FOREIGN ADDRESS:

IN CASE OF DEATH OR ACCIDENT NOTIFY THE NEAR-  
EST AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR OFFICE AND:

Name MRS. ANN GELLES

Address AS ABOVE

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This passport is the property of the United States Government and must be surrendered upon demand by an authorized representative of the Department of State. It is NOT VALID until signed BY THE BEARER on page two.

#### EXPIRATION

This passport is valid for five years unless expressly limited to a shorter period. The expiration date is given on page two.

#### NEW PASSPORT

This passport must be presented when applying for a new passport.

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The Secretary of State  
of The

United States of America  
hereby requests all whom it  
may concern to permit the  
citizen(s) of the United States  
named herein to pass without  
delay or hindrance and in  
case of need to give said  
citizen(s) all lawful aid and  
protection.

→ WARNING—ALTERATION, ADDITION OR MUTILATION OF ENTRIES IS PROHIBITED.  
ANY UNOFFICIAL CHANGE WILL RENDER THIS PASSPORT INVALID.

NAME <b>KURT GELLES</b>		BIRTHPLACE <b>AUSTRIA</b>
BIRTH DATE <b>JULY 24, 1907</b>	HAIR <b>GRAY</b>	EYES <b>HAZEL</b>
HEIGHT <b>5 FEET 9 INCHES</b>	ISSUE DATE <b>MAY 15, 1970</b>	
WIFE <b>X X X</b>	EXPIRATION DATE →	<b>MAY 14, 1975</b>
MINORS <b>X X X</b>	CANCELLER <b>Kurt Gelles</b>	
SIGNATURE OF BEARER		

→ IMPORTANT: THIS PASSPORT IS NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED BY THE BEARER.



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*Restrictions*

Unless otherwise specifically endorsed, this passport is not valid for travel into or through countries or areas to which travel has been restricted by public notice issued by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State announced that, effective September 16, 1969, travel to, in, or through the following countries and areas is restricted:

CUBA

MAINLAND CHINA

NORTH KOREA

NORTH VIET-NAM

You should consult a passport agency or an American consular office to determine whether any changes have been made in the above list.

This passport must not be used by any person other than the person to whom issued or in violation of the conditions or restrictions placed therein or in violation of the rules regulating the issuance of passports. Any willful violation of these laws and regulations will subject the offender to prosecution under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1544.

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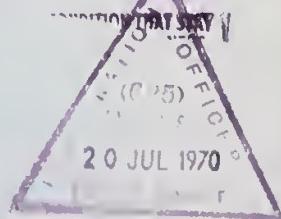
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IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PASSPORT BEARER  
TO OBTAIN NECESSARY VISAS

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VISIT UP TO THREE MONTHS



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**TRAVEL IN DISTURBED AREAS.** If you travel in disturbed areas, you should keep in touch with the nearest American consular office.

**PROLONGED RESIDENCE ABRDAD.** If you reside abroad for a prolonged period, you should register at the nearest American consular office.

**LOSS OF NATIONALITY.** You may lose your United States nationality by being naturalized in, or by taking an oath or making a declaration of allegiance to, a foreign state; or by serving in the armed forces or accepting employment under the government of a foreign state. For detailed information, consult the nearest American consular office.

**WARNING TO DUAL NATIONALS.** A person is considered a dual national when he owes allegiance to more than one country at the same time. A claim to allegiance may be based on facts of birth, marriage, parentage or naturalization. A dual national may, while in the jurisdiction of the other country which considers him its national, be subject to all of its laws, including military service. If difficulties occur, consult the nearest American consular office.

**LOSS, THEFT OR DESTRUCTION OF PASSPORT.** The loss, theft or destruction of a passport is a very serious matter and must be reported immediately to local police authorities and to the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20524, or to the nearest American consular office. A new passport will be issued only after careful investigation which will entail considerable delay and result in the issuance of a replacement passport valid for no more than three months.

**ALTERATION OR MUTILATION OF PASSPORT.** This passport must not be altered or mutilated in any way. You must not alter any dates or make any changes in your description, on the photograph, or on any other page of this passport. Alteration may make it INVALID and, if willful, may subject you to prosecution (Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1543). Only authorized officials of the United States or of foreign countries, in connection with official matters, may place stamps or make statements, notations or additions in this passport. However, you may amend or update information supplied by you on the inside of the front cover of this passport, if necessary.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.** A smallpox vaccination within three years is an entry requirement when returning to the United States from almost all countries. Yellow fever and cholera vaccinations are required if you visit countries with an infected area. The vaccination(s) should be obtained before you leave the United States, and recorded on Form PHS-731, "International Certificates of Vaccination", and validated in the U.S. by a local or state health officer. You may obtain additional information from your local, state or nearest U.S. Public Health Service.

**HEALTH INSURANCE.** Persons contemplating travel abroad should contact their medical insurance company to determine what coverage, if any, they have while outside the U.S. Generally Social Security Medicare does not cover health care expenses outside the U.S.

**CUSTOMS SERVICE.** Know before you go. The pamphlet "Customs Hints" gives you current pertinent information about Customs requirements, and how they apply to articles acquired abroad. Obtain a copy from your nearest customs office or from the Commissioner of Customs, Washington, D.C. 20226.

**TREASURY.** Treasury regulations prohibit purchase or importation of North Korean, North Vietnamese, or Cuban merchandise without a license. The prohibitions also apply to the purchase or importation of mainland China goods (including antiques) and other Chinese-type goods which may be available outside of that country. However, tourists may in any calendar month purchase and import up to \$100 of such goods without a license or special certificate of origin. Certain transactions incident to authorized travel to and in mainland China are also permitted. For further information, write to the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. 20220. Travelers may also consult local American consulates, especially the consulate at Hong Kong.

**AGRICULTURE.** Do not bring foreign meats, fruits, plants, soil, or other agricultural items when you return to the United States. To do so will delay you at the port of entry. It is unlawful to bring in foreign agricultural items without permission, because they carry destructive plant or animal pests and diseases. General information is contained in "Customs Hints". For specific information, write to "Quarantines", U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.



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REPUBLIQUE D'AUTRICHE

Reisepass Nr. } 0. 268.505  
No du passeport }

Name des Inhabers } Herr Gelles  
Nom du porteur }

Begleitet von seiner Frau }  
Accompagné de sa femme }

und von } Kindern  
et de } (enfants)

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Personsbeschreibung – Signallement

Beruf Profession}	Frau – Femme
Ort und Datum der Geburt Lieu et date de naissance	Wien 24. IV. 1904
Wohnort Domicile	11. Postgasse 60
Gesicht Visage	oval
Farbe der Augen Couleur des yeux	grün
Farbe der Haare Couleur des cheveux	braun
Besondere Kennzeichen Signes particuliers	keine

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Unterschrift des Inhabers  
Signature du titulaire

K. K. Polizei



und seiner Frau:  
et de sa femme:

Für die Passbehörde:  
Signature de l'agent délivrant le passeport:

Der Polizeipräsident:

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Länder, für welche dieser Reisepass gilt:  
Pays pour lesquels ce passeport est valable:

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Dieser Reisepass läuft ab am  
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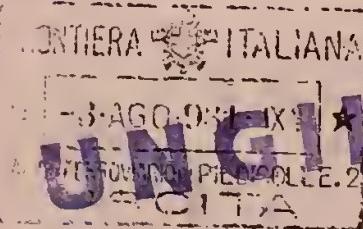
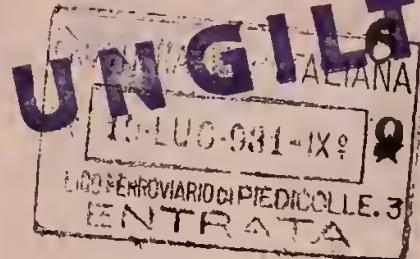
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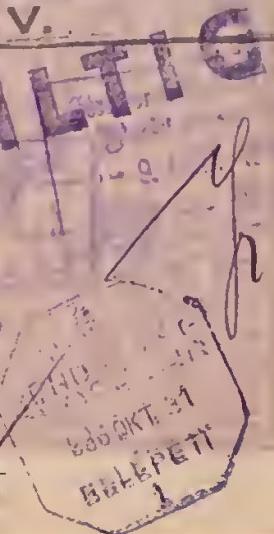
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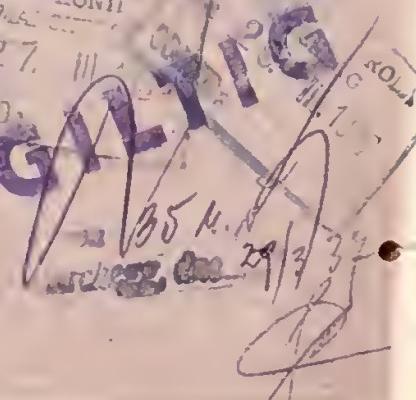
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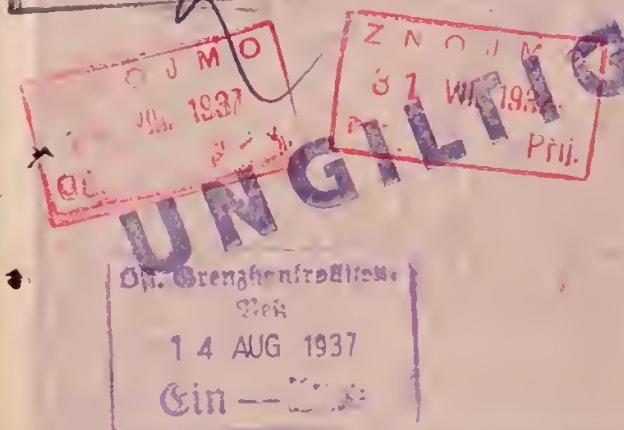
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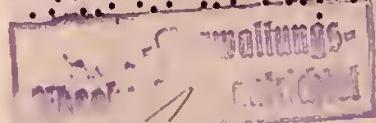
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Wien, am 6. JULI 1938 193

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REISEPASS

Nr. 53871

NAME DES PASSINHABERS

Herr Gelles

BEGLEITET VON SEINER EHEFRAU

UND VON KINDERN

STAATSANGEHÖRIGKEIT:

DEUTSCHES REICH

23. XI. 1938



PERSONENBESCHREIBUNG

Beruf	Correspondent	Ehefrau
Geburtsort	Wien	
Geburtstag	24. VII. 1907	
Wohnort	Wien	
Gestalt	groß	
Gesicht	oval	
Farbe der Augen	grau	
Farbe des Haares	bl. braun	
Besond. Kennzeichen		

KINDER

Name	Alter	Geschlecht

GELTUNGSBEREICH DES PASSES

Inland und Ausland

Der Paß wird ungültig am

21. Dezember 1939.

wenn er nicht verlängert wird.

Ausstellende Behörde

Der Polizeipräsident in Wien

Datum

Wien, 21. Dez. 1938

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Die Zusicherung fällt dahin, wenn  
die schweizerische Grenze nicht bis zum  
11. Februar 1939  
überschritten ist.



SCHWEIZERISCHE  
EIDGENOSSENSCHAFT  
476 Ref. Bern

Zusicherung der Bewilligung zum  
Aufenthalt in der Schweiz von  
maximal acht Tagen ohne  
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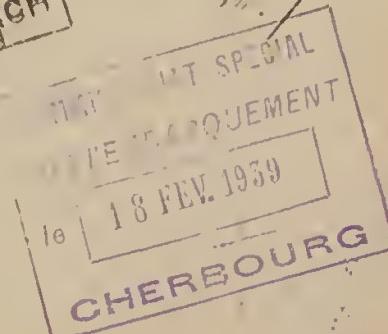
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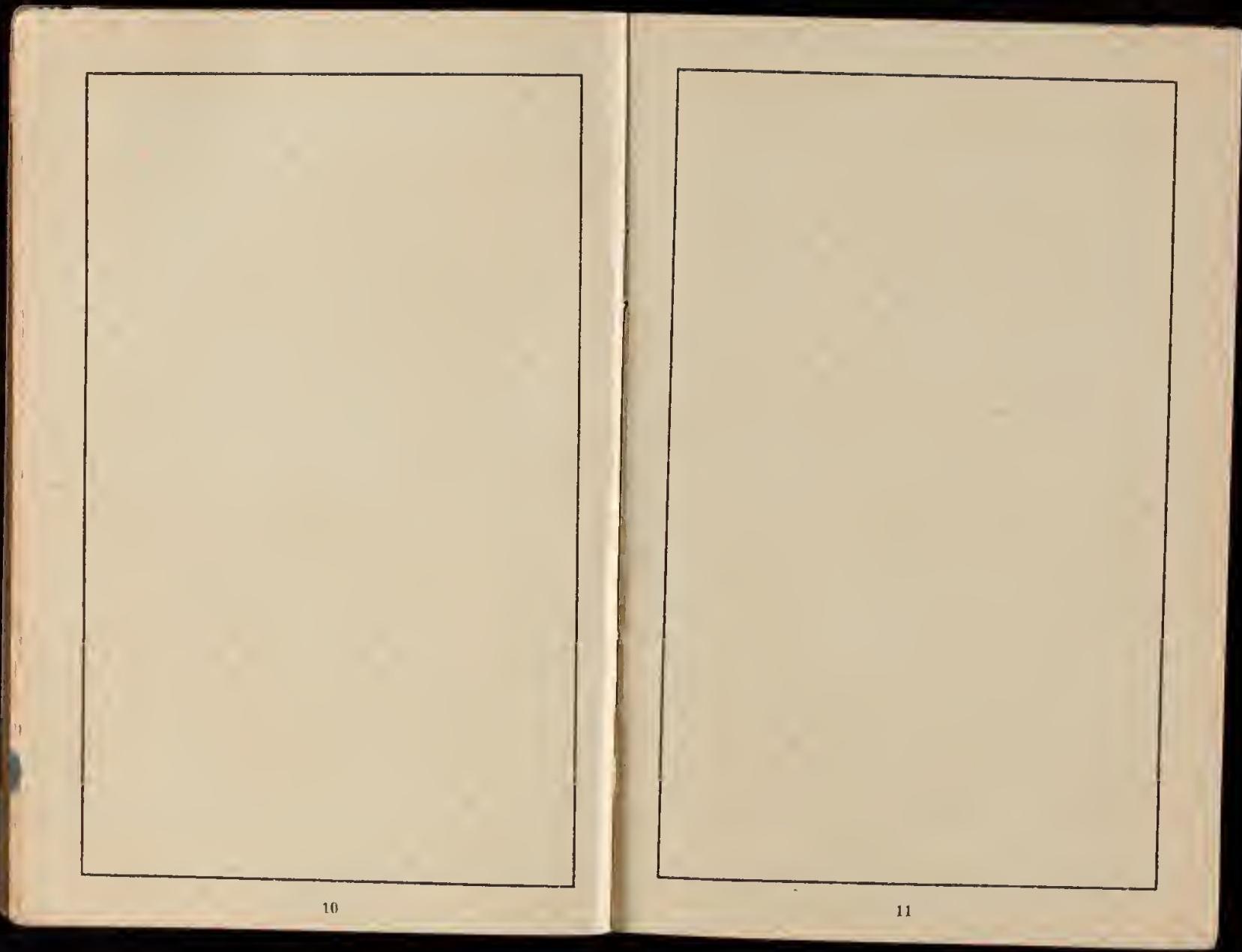
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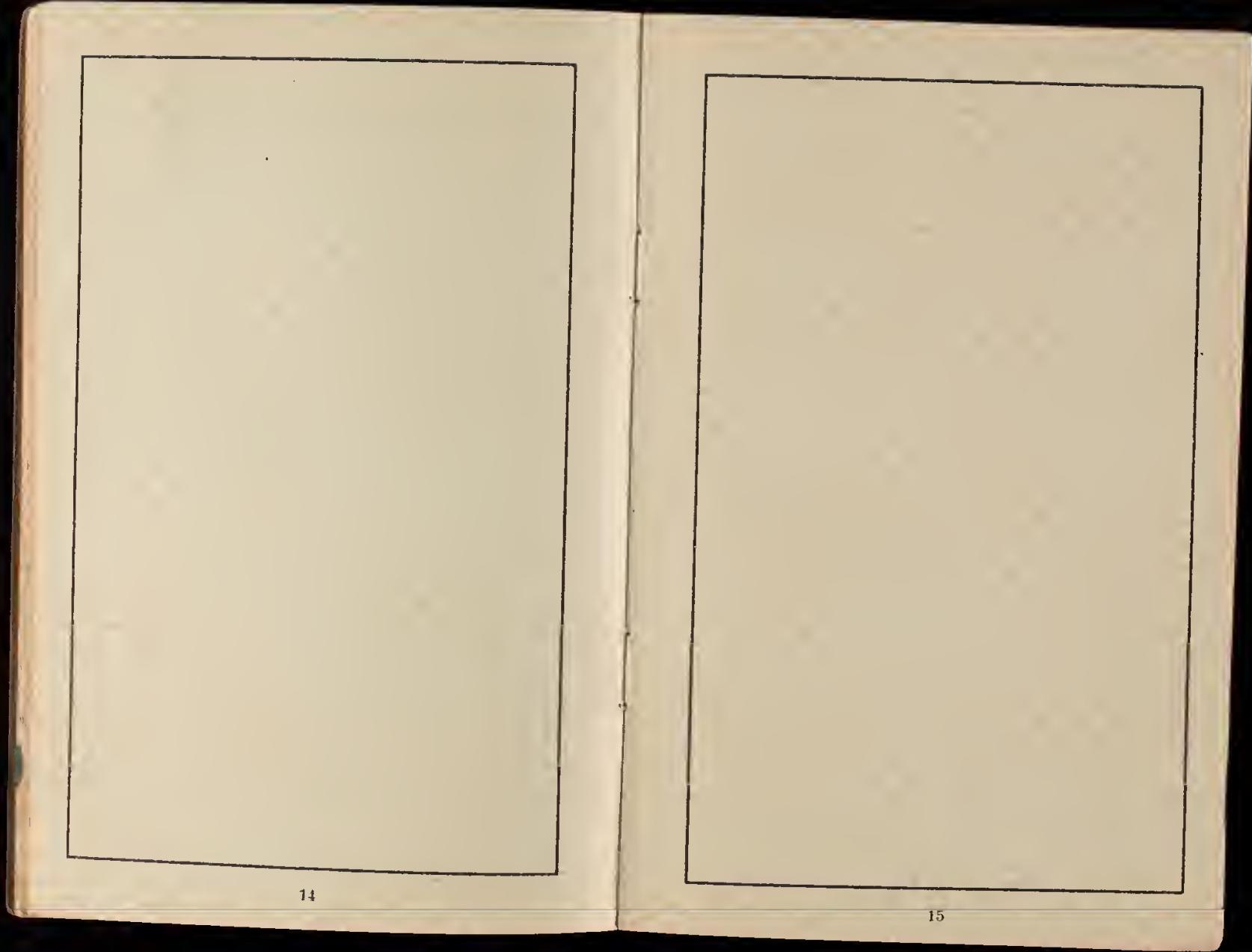


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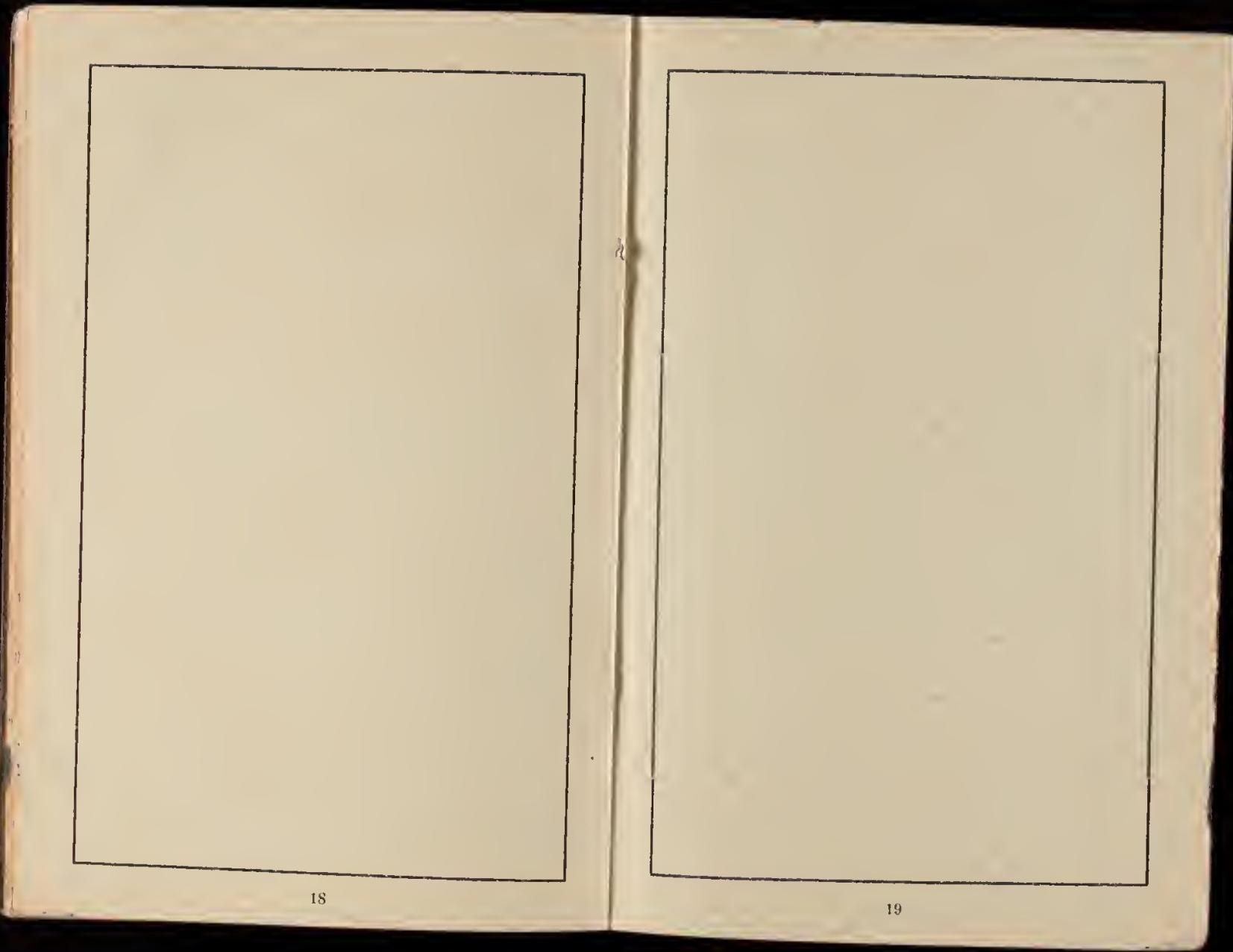


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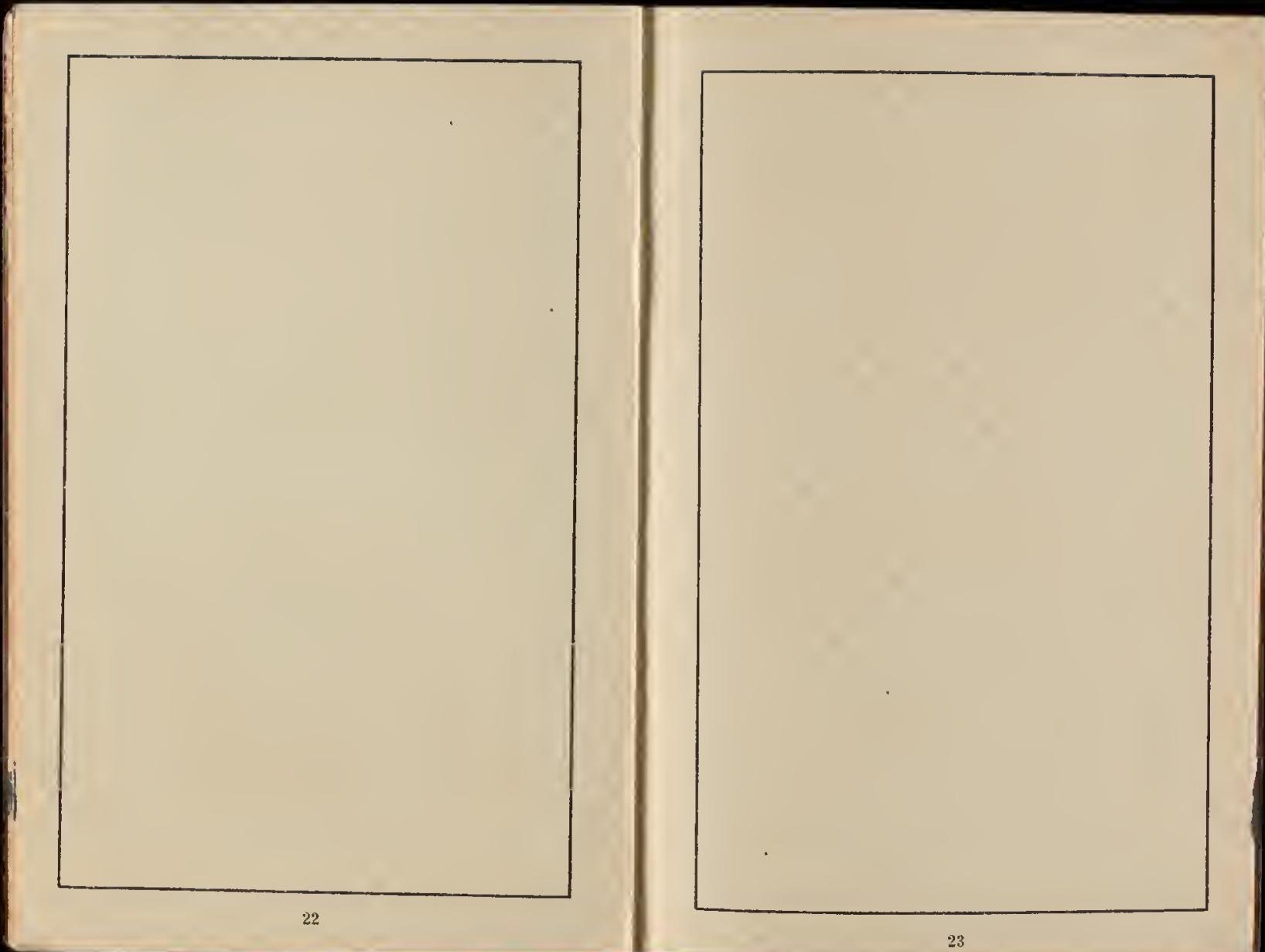
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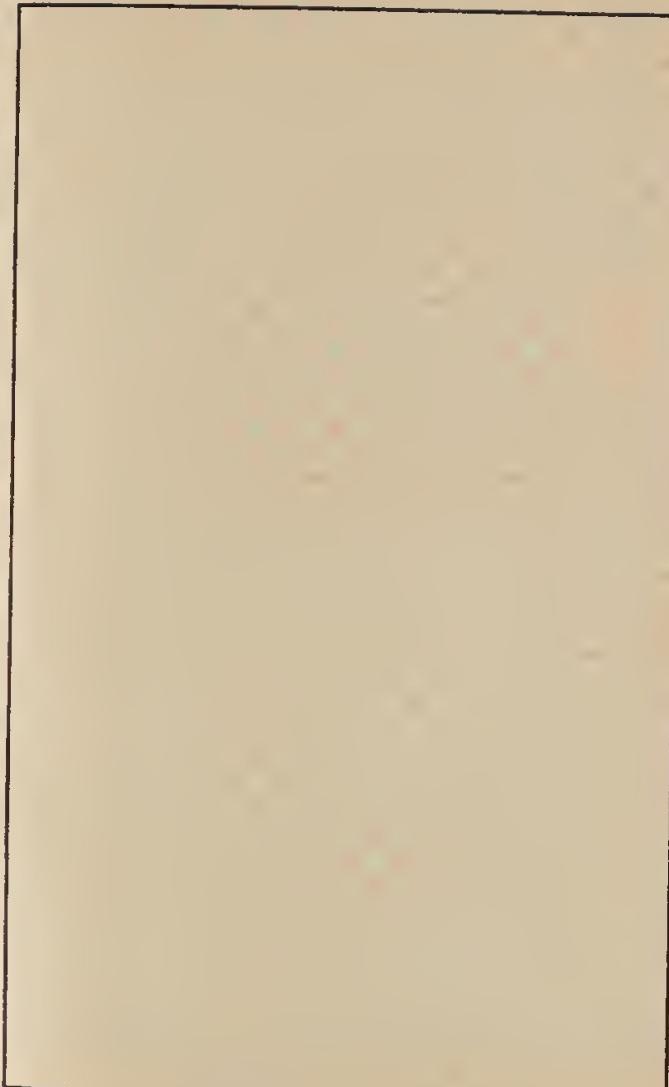


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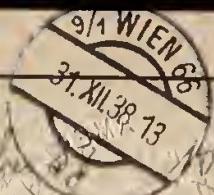


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Issued to <u>Kurt Gelles</u>	
<u>H. P. Fales</u> (name)	
American Consul at vice	H. P. FALES VIENNA, GERMANY

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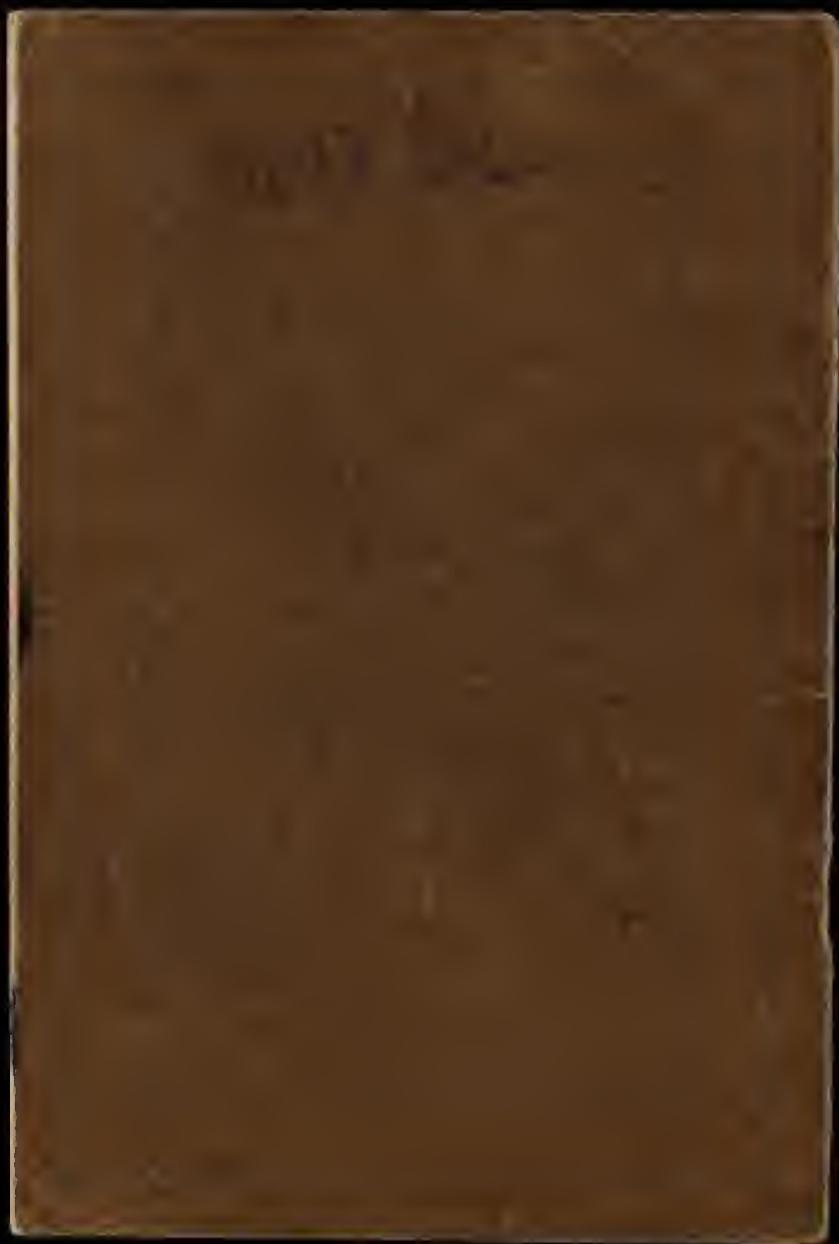
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REISEPASS <sup>Gebüche</sup> 3

Nr. 52523

NAME DES PASSINHABERS

Etelka Gelles  
Hochheid

~~BEGLEITET VON SEINER EHEFRAU~~

UND VON ~~KINDERN~~

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PERSONENBESCHREIBUNG	
Beruf	Schneiderin
Geburtsort	Preßburg
Geburtstag	2. 4. 1882
Wohnort	Wien
Gestalt	mittel
Gesicht	oval
Farbe der Augen	hellbraun
Farbe des Haares	schwarz
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## KINDER

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Der Paß wird ungültig am

*10. Dezember 1939*

wenn er nicht verlängert wird.

Ausstellende Behörde

**Der Polizeipräsident in Wien**

Datum

**Wien** auf *10. Dez. 1938*

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VERLÄNGERUNGEN

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*10. Dezember 1940*

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u. d. G. am 1. Juli 1939  
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Bund-  
Reise-  
Wien, am 29. Juli 1939  
Devilensfelle Wien

Reisefreigrenze mit RM 997 (in 55,-)  
für den Monat August 1939 ausgestellt

Bezügliches Devisenmerkblatt ausgefolgt  
Wien den 15. 8. 39

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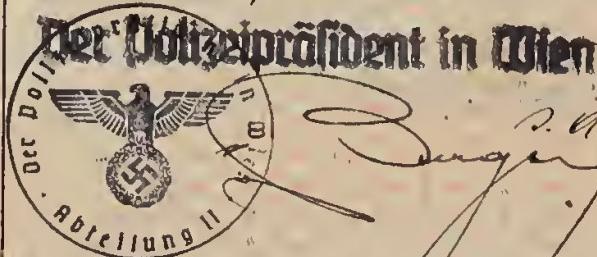
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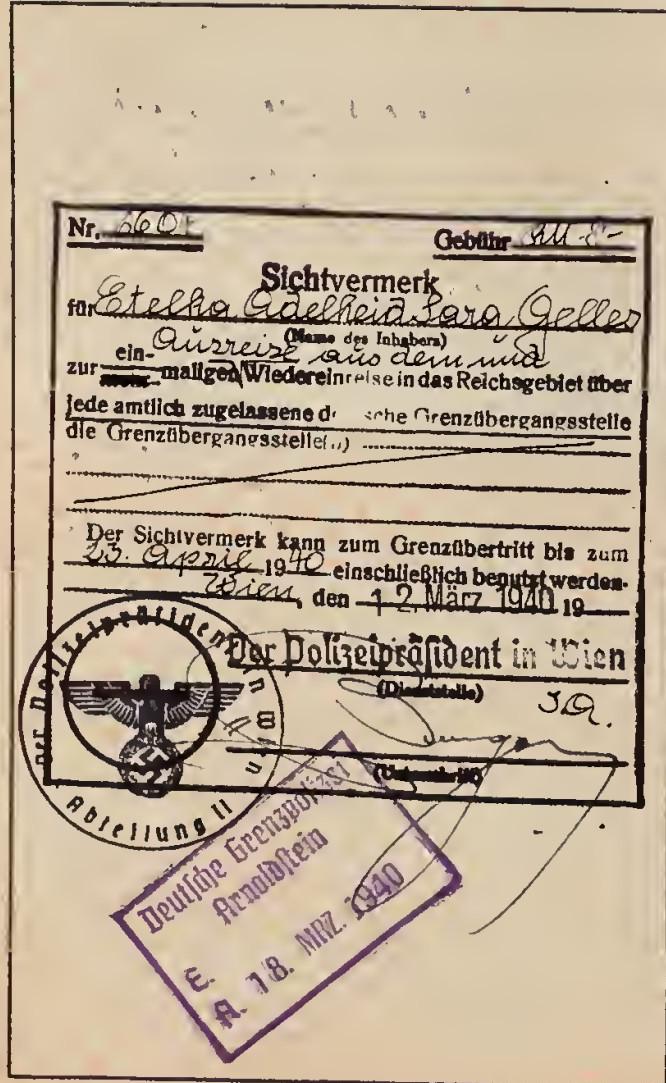
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Im Reisepass Nr. 52543 lautend  
auf Adelheid Etelka Sara Gelles  
wurde der Vorname ~~Adelheid~~ <sup>Etelka</sup> auf  
Seite 1... amtlich eingetragen.

Wien, am 6. Feb. 1940





Reisefreiheit mit RM 973 (7111)  
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 Wien, den 14. III. 40 *W.W.*

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al solo transito nel Regno per  
prendere imbarco a Genua.....  
il giorno 20 marzo 1840.....  
sulla nave Conte di Savoia con  
destinazione New York.....  
Vienna, li 15 marzo 1840 XVIII

Il Regio Consolo Generale:



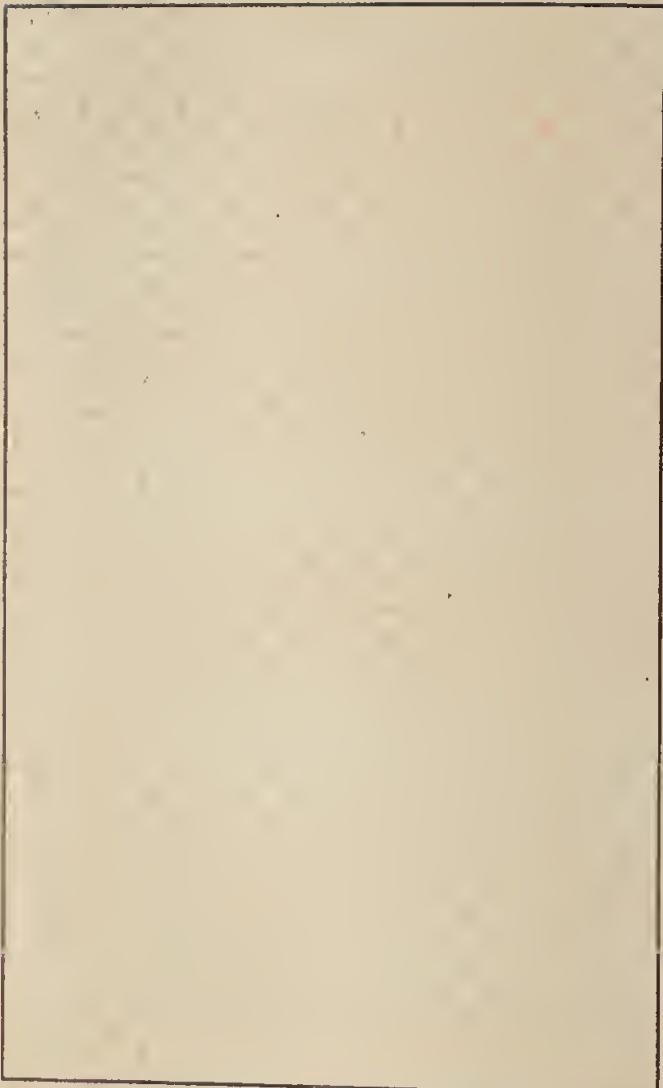
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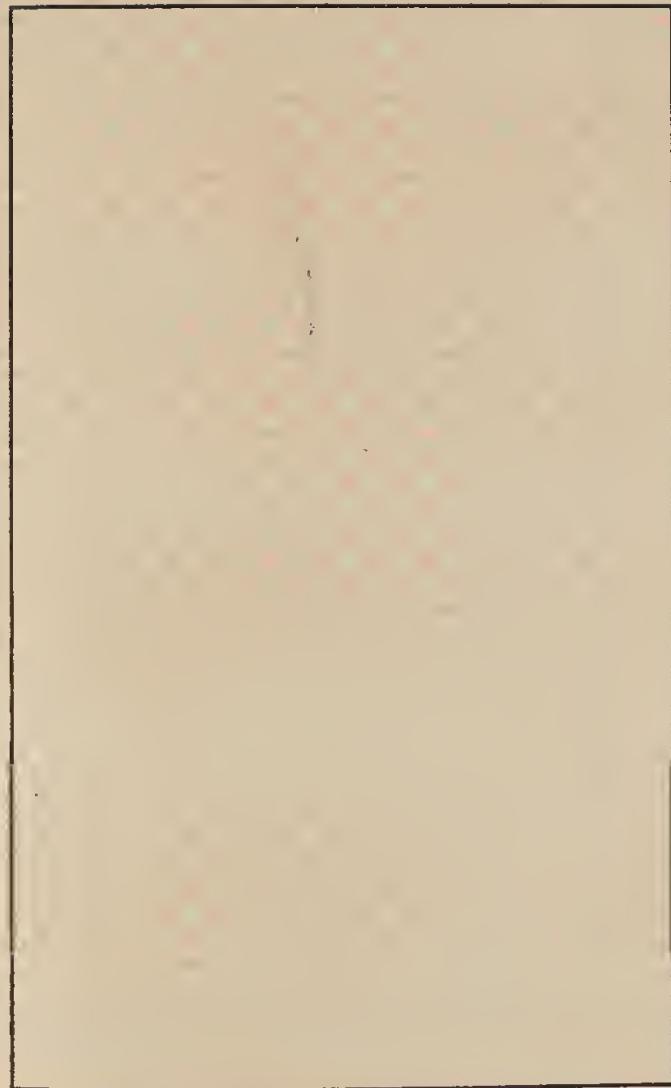
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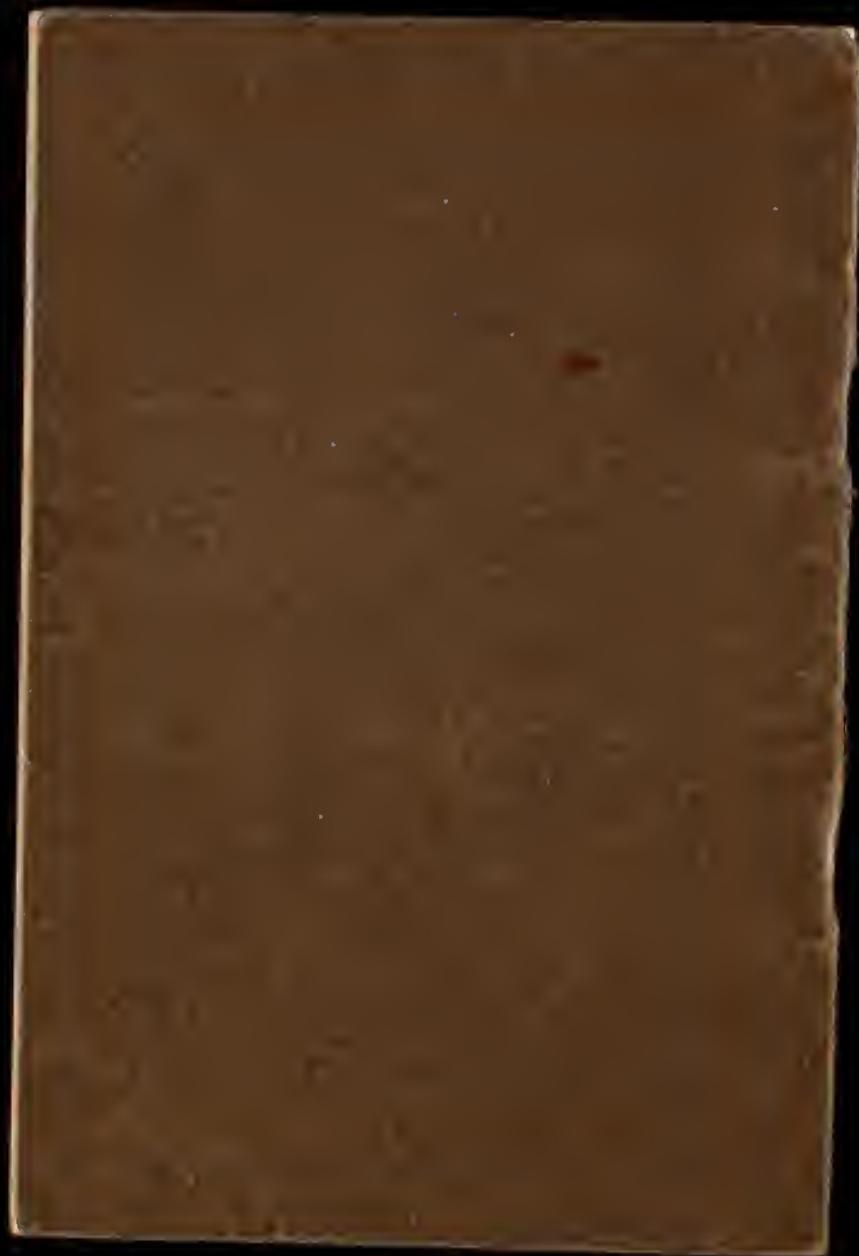
Non-quota	Immigration Visa
Quota	No. 551
dated	FEB 8 - 1940
Issued to Adelheid Gelles (name)	
American Consul at Vienna	DONALD W. BROWN VIENNA, GERMANY

IMMIGRANT IDENTIFICATION  
CARD NO. 1130946 ISSUED



AUSTRIA  
ENTRATA  
SCALOMA

Fahrausweise Nr. 52647  
für eine Person  
Zur Reise von ... nach ...  
zur Erreichung des Auswanderungsziels auf kürzesten Wege  
MER 8 Wien, am 10.3.1940



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**Contents of the Kurt Gelles - Collection**

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- 1) Copy of AHC QUest. I. + II.
- 2) Austrian passport issued for Kurt Gelles, dated 1931, saying "UNGILTIG" in big letters, red "J" on first page
- 3) "Deutsches Reich" Passport issued for Kurt Gelles's mother, Etelka Gelles, issued 12/9/1938 in Vienna, saying "UNGILTIG" in big letters, red "J" on first page
- 4) "Deutsches Reich" Passport, valid for Kurt Gelles, issued 1938, red "J" on first page
- 5) USA-Passport, issued for Kurt Gelles, issued 1947, a lot of stamps inside
- 6) USA-Passport issued for Kurt Gelles, dated 5/15/1970
- 7) "Entlassungsschein" from the concentration camp "Buchenwald", dated 12/23/1938, copy
- 8) Program of a "Lagertheater" from Les Milles "Bleibt Jung", mentioning "Fraeulein" Gelles (erich Gelles) playing "Amalia"
- 9) Program of "Lagertheater" Les Milles "Scenen aus Faust I.", mentioning Erich Gelles as an actor who is playing "Stimme des Erdegeist" (voice of a ghost)
- 10) Several Pictures showing Mr. Gelles and family members

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Name:

KURT

First Name

Middle Name

GELLES

Last Name

Last Occupation: TRAFFIC MGR.

Date of Birth: 7 24 07  
Month Day Year

Place of Birth: VIENNA AUSTRIA  
City Country

Address

before 1938: PORZELLANGASSE 60 9<sup>th</sup> Bezirk Vienna Austria  
Street (District in Vienna) City Country

Prewar Name: as above

Maiden Name: N/A

1. Education/Occupation(s) (if possible, indicate institutions and year when entered/left)

Schubert Schule, Grineltor gasse, Vienna IX 1913 - 1918  
Realschule, Glaser gasse, Vienna IX 1918 - 1923  
# Neue Handelsakademie, Josephstadt, Vienna, 1923 - 27  
made Mativa.

2. Were you affiliated with any kind of organization? (Youth, Zionist, Political or any other organizations)  
If so, did you have any specific function?

Social Democratic Party, Turnverein

3. Were you arrested and/or interned? (please indicate where and when) Yes

May 1938 arrested at work. Spent time first in  
Dachau, then transferred to Buchenwald, released Dec 38

4. What was your route of emigration? (please indicate places and dates of stay)

From Vienna via Switzerland + France directly  
to USA, New York.

5. May we contact you again with a more detailed follow-up questionnaire?

Yes  No

6. Do you have any documents that would be appropriate for the archives of the Leo Baeck Institute?  
(personal documents, photographs, letters, all kinds of manuscripts, diaries, memoirs, etc.)

Yes  No

If necessary please use additional sheets. Thank you!

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*We kindly ask you to answer the following questions in as much detail as possible, either in English or in German. If you need more space, please feel free to use additional sheets. If you don't know the answers to certain questions or don't want to answer for any reason, just go on to the next question.*

NAME: KURT GELLES DATE: 8-3-1998

**1. BEFORE MARCH 1938**

**1.1 Please describe your parental home.**

(Did you live in an apartment or in a house? How many people lived with you? Did you have servants? What language(s) were spoken in the household?)

Lived in an apartment with my mother & brother. We had daytime cleaning help. German was the only language spoken.

**1.2 Please tell us about your neighborhood (District in Vienna or area).**

(What ethnic groups lived there? Religious life? Relationships between Jews and non-Jews? Relationships with neighbors?)

Our address was Porzellangasse 60  
Vienna IX. It was a middle class neighborhood, ethnically & religiously mixed. Exclusively Jewish friends.  
No particularly strained relationships with non-Jews, though antisemitic undercurrent was endemic.

- 1.3 What religious tradition existed in your family?**  
(Did you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe holidays, etc.?)

We had a quasi-Kosher household  
I did not go to synagogue - my late  
father was partially observant and  
went to synagogue sporadically.  
My brother and I were least Jewish  
conscious.

- 1.4 Please, tell us about your friends and acquaintances.**  
(Were they mostly Jewish or non-Jewish? Did you have any close non-Jewish friends?)

Only Jewish friends - not by choice  
but by social developments.

- 1.5 Were you affiliated with any political, social or religious organization?**  
(Youth Organizations, Zionist Organizations, Political Parties, other organizations)  
If so, did you have any specific function?

Member of Social Democratic Party  
went to HAKOAH gym.

- 1.6 Did you or your family encounter any anti-Semitism before March 1938?  
(If so, please give details.)**

General behaviour of school mates  
no specific encounter personally.

- 1.7 What was your (or your parents') reaction to Hitler's rise to power in Germany in 1933 and to Nazi activity in Austria in the early thirties?  
Did you or your parents feel threatened by these events?**

Early on, not aware, uninformed,  
a-political. Immediately after March '38  
Anschluss, we all felt threatened  
and discussed emigration.

**2. FROM MARCH 1938 TO EMIGRATION - FROM EUROPE TO AMERICA**

**2.1 How was your time spent during and after the "Anschluss"?**

**What was the impact of the "Anschluss" on you personally?**

(Were you expelled from school/university? Did you or your parents lose your jobs?)

(Were your apartments/houses looted? Were you (or members of your family) persecuted? Were you forced to scrub the streets?)

I was arrested 2 months after Anschluss in May '38 ~~at~~ at work and spent about 8 months in Dachau + Buchenwald KZ. During that time, neighbors were assigned to live in my mother's apartment. When I was released all friends, ~~to~~ including my brother had left, except my wife who was instrumental in my release.

**2.2 How did non-Jewish friends, colleagues, schoolmates, neighbors, etc. behave toward you and your family?**

My mother had a small dressmaking salon in the apartment. Few employees left immediately - out of fear. My mother told me on my return from KZ that one apprentice was particularly nice.

- 2.3 Do you have any recollections of November 9th, 1938, the so-called "Reichs-Kristallnacht"? (If so, please give details.)**

I was in KZ. All I remember is that new prisoners were brought in at that time.

- 2.4 Were you or any members of your family arrested? Sent to a camp? (If so, please give details.)**

See above

- 2.5 Can you recall the process of obtaining papers necessary for emigration? (Did you try to obtain visas for other countries as well? Were you supported by any relief organization, by relatives or friends?)**

While I was in KZ my wife obtained visas for her + me to Shanghai. However, our US visas arrived at the same time and we <sup>came</sup> ~~got~~ to the US in Feb. 1939. My mother obtained a US visa later and left after the war had started in Europe ~~visa~~ via Italy for the US. We were helped by HIAS for the first few months.

- 2.6 What happened to your (or your family's) apartments, houses, businesses and other property?**

My mother left the apartment as it was without compensation as far as I know.

- 2.7 When did you leave Austria? (Please indicate exact date, if possible)**

Feb 10, 1939

- 2.8 If you did not emigrate directly to the U.S., where did you go first?**

(How long did you stay there? Can you give a brief description of your experiences? Why did you leave?)

N.A.

### 3. THE UNITED STATES

- 3.1 When did you arrive in the U.S.? (Please indicate exact date, if possible)

left by boat from Cherbourg on  
Feb 18, 1939 + arrived in NYC about  
Feb 24, 1939.

- 3.2 Did members of your family emigrate to countries other than the U.S.?  
(If so, where? Where do they live today? Are you still in contact with them?)

Many cousins perished. One cousin + husband  
survived Theresienstadt + went to Scotland  
+ came to US about 1951. Other cousins  
went to Africa + Australia. Have contact  
with one second cousin in Philadelphia.

- 3.3 Did you serve in the U.S. Armed Forces or in any other allied army?  
(If so, when did you join? What division? What was your area of operation?  
When were you discharged?)

No

**3.4 Please list places and dates of residence in the U.S.  
(City, State; in bigger cities, neighborhood)**

1939 - Brooklyn, Pulaski St.

1941 - approx. moved with Mother & brother, & wife  
to 83 St W. in NYC.

1950 - remarried & lived in Jackson Heights,  
Forest Hills<sup>NY</sup> and finally in Elmhurst

1956 - bought house in Flushing N.Y where  
we still live.

**3.5 Please describe your occupational situation from your arrival in the U.S. to the present.**

1939 - manual labor in production of cattle feed

1941/2 - Eterna watchmaker - attended  
night school - toolmaking

1942/3 LEIKA - did war work - became  
group leader.

1945/6 to 1950 Went into import/export business with  
partner - J + K Trading, until dissolved  
in 1950.

1950/51 Export Dept of Stafford International

**3.6 Did you belong to any emigrant/immigrant-related organization or cultural association? (e.g. Austrian American Federation, Austrian Forum, etc.? If so, since when? Do you still belong to any of them?) — NONE**

1959/78 Worked at Associated Metals &  
Minerals as Traffic Mgr in  
Steel Department until retirement

**3.7 Do you still speak German? If so, with whom and when? How often?**

I Speak German fluently but ~~ever~~ rarely.

**3.8 Would you call yourself religious? To what degree? What is your affiliation? Has it changed?**

(Do you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe the holidays,...?) NO

Do not call myself religious

No affiliation.

Consider myself culturally Jewish.

**3.9 Are your friends and acquaintances mostly German-speaking or non-German-speaking? Mainly Jewish or not?**

Mostly Jewish refugees, non-German speaking by choice.

**3.10 Of what country (countries) are you a citizen? When was each citizenship granted?**

USA

- 3.11 Have you ever visited Austria since the war? If so, how often?**  
(What did you do there? Can you recall some of your impressions during these visits?  
Have you ever thought of going back permanently?)

I visited once on vacation to show my wife the place of my birth. Never thought of going back. Scenically as beautiful as ever,

#### **4. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS**

- 4.1 Have you ever been interviewed by any other organization?**  
(Please indicate when and by which organization?)

Yes, Self help

- 4.2 Have you ever been mentioned in any historical works?**  
(Holocaust-related literature, Documentary films, Exhibitions etc.)

## 5. FAMILY MEMBERS

- 5.1 Spouse (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

ANN GELLES - (ANNELISE ECHT)

born 8/25/1923 in DANZIG, secretary,  
accounting We were married on  
May 26, 1950

- 5.2 Mother (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

GELLES nee

ETHEL WEIN BERGER

born 4/2/1882 in BRATISLAVA

died 11/24/1967 in NYC  
dressmaker

- 5.3 Father (Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death, Occupation(s))

LEOPOLD GELLES

born Aug 7, 1878 in Brodi - Galicia

died Jan 21, 1931 in Vienna

tailor + furrier Army  
Served in Austrian during W.W.I.

- 5.4 Siblings (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

ERICK GELLES

born 9/2/1909 in Vienna

died 3/4/1961 in NYC

automobile mechanic

- 5.5 **Children** (Name, Maiden Name, Address (City, State, Country), Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

RONALD S. GELLES - born Jan 5, 1953  
6031 HUXLEY AVE,  
Riverdale, NY 10471  
building contractor

- 5.6 **Grandparents** (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

Gabriel + Fania Weinberger <sup>nee Wetzler</sup> lived in  
Bratislava - shop keeper

Grand mother on my Father's side lived  
+ died in Vienna.

*The Austrian Heritage Collection is always looking for people to interview.*

*If you know any Austrian-Jewish immigrants in the US who might be interested in participating in this project, please either ask them to contact us or write their addresses below.*

*Thank you very much for participating in this project.*

Konzentrationslager Buchenwald  
Kommandantur

Weimar-Buchenwald, den

23.12.38

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## Entlassungsschein

Der Schuhäftling  
Der Verhandlungshäftling  
geb. am 24.7.07

Geliebte

hat vom

1.6.38

bis zum heutigen Tage im Konzentrationslager Buchenwald eingesperrt.

Auf Anordnung des Geheimen Staatspolizeiamtes Berlin vom

wurde er nach Wien

entlassen.

Der Lagerkommandant

H. Karl

H. Oberstabsführere

Wey.



Ich habe mich ab sofort auf Anhieb und auf Vertruf jeden

Werktag bei der Ortspolizeiwache meines Wohnortes zu melden.

Ich habe mich sofort bei der Ortspolizeistelle in Wien

Lagertheater des Miller

Sonntag 26. Nov. 1939.

8. Cabaret Vorstellung  
„Bleibt Jung!“

Musikal. Eröffnung Adorf Sieberth

1. Brantschau, Sketcb /Willy Gumpel/. . . . . Frau Neumann, Ziegleroth

2. Krizowez

3. Der Mann ohne Namen Sketcb . . . . . Feigl, Sturm

Uraufführung:

„Liebe Du lachendes Leben“ oder „Bacchanal der Lust.“

Große Operette v. Max Bertnick.

Scenische u. musikal. Leitung: Dr. Friedr. Schramm.

Bühnenbild: Lippeit.

Graf o. Mistelbach . . . . . Herr Adler

Frau o. Hohenfels . . . . . Fr. Frae

Klo o. Hohenfels, ihr Vater . . . . . Herr Dr. Strobel

Imalia, ihre Tante . . . . . Fr. Gelles

Pepi o. Trautmannsdorf . . . . . Herr Tattmar

Barlamer, Grafen, Barone

Das gesamte Ensemble.

Das Miller Orchester.

Lagertheater des Mittels  
Sonntag, 10. Dez. 1939.

# Scenen aus Faust I

1. Prolog im Himmel
2. Nacht
3. Vor dem Tor
4. Studierzimmer
5. Studierzimmer

## PERSONEN:

Raphael . . . . .	Wolfgang Häusser
Gabriel . . . . .	Robert Feigl
Michael . . . . .	Dr. Friedrich Schramm
Stimme des Herrn . . . . .	Carl Liegetroth
Mephistopheles . . . . .	Peter Sturm
Faust . . . . .	Hans A. Thomsen
Wagner . . . . .	Walter Neumann
Stimme d. Erzgeist . . . . .	Erich Gelles
alte Bäuer . . . . .	Alfred Grunewald
Schüler . . . . .	Alfred Korn

Regie: Dr. Friedrich Schramm.

Möglichkeiten verhindert sein noch lange - innerer Arbeit und  
außenwärtsen Gebotshilf der Zeit schaffen zu dürfen - das will ich!  
Von vorne und von hinten.  
Ariadne Altmann.

Ist es dir aufgefallen, dass wir  
eigentlich Schickelgruberin  
die Ehre unserer Bekanntschaft  
verdanken? Ob beispielsweise  
du dieses Reperciunt weißt? Am  
diesmal lass ich dir's noch durch-  
geben, aber das wir das nicht  
mehr verloren. Echte Grüsse

Mit den besten Grüßen  
für eine erfolgreiche und  
glückliche Zukunft  
Dein Kamerad  
Lehalle 19.XI.39. Ewigelle



**End of Kurt Gelles Collection**

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